

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursday evenings at 8:25 p.m. Central Euro-pean Time on AFN tele-vision. In this week's edition, NATO Air Power makes noise in Norway; USAFE commander on retaining good airmen; Partnership for Peace project in Macedonia; driving recklessly in Aviano.

News briefs

Bitburg parking area repaving

Four parking lots in the Bitburg housing area will be repaved starting Aug. 3. As it comes time for the repaving of the parking lots for buildings 23/24, 29/30 26/27 and 32/33, occupants should park along the sidewalk of Brischetto Loop.

Brischetto Loop will be designated a one-way road during the construction. The one-way lane will be from the corner of Brishetto and Keene Moore Street, by Anthony's Pizza, proceeding counter-clockwise to the corner of Brishetto and McAree Circle, by the base exchange.

Traffic signs will be posted marking traffic direction. Drivers are asked to proceed with caution during construction. Call Staff Sgt. Robert Lewis at 452-6747 for more information.

Finance closes early

Wing finance closes at noon Aug. 4 for an official office function. Call customer service at 452-6730 for details.

New patient procedures

Upon arrival to Spangdahlem/Bitburg area, all civilians (pay patients) must be enrolled in DEERS at the Military Personnel Flight. Once this process is complete, they need to visit the TRICARE Service Center at Bitburg, building 67, to register into the Military Healthcare System.

Duty hours for the TRICARE Service Center and Resource Management Office are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 453-3111 for details.

Vehicle donation location

Privately Owned Vehicles are no longer accepted at the Spangdahlem or Bitburg Auto Skills Centers. The Used Parts Lot is the only location to donate a POV as of Aug. 1. The owner or a legal representative must complete all paperwork at the time of donation. Auto Skills Center towing service is available for a fee. Call 452-6841 or 452-6875 for details.

Improve leave form timeliness

To improve the timeliness of processing Air Force Form 988, Leave Request/Authorization, the Military Personnel Flight offers the following suggestions:

- Ensure the correct leave balance is listed in block 6. Leave balances are available on the 52nd Comp-trollers Squadron intranet site.

- The Mission Support Squadron commander must approve all advance leave not exceeding 30 days. All request must be in memorandum form. Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center is the approval authority for advance leave of 30 days or more.

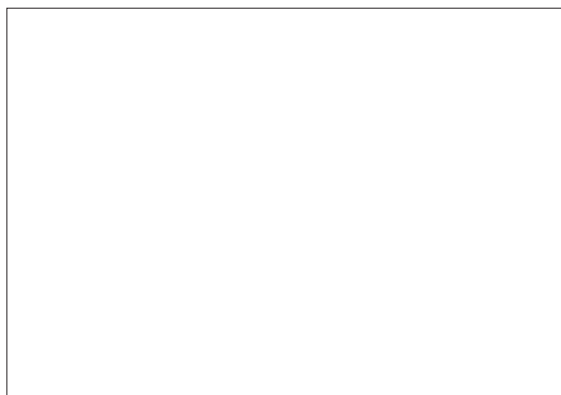
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Eifel Times

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Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

Bookworms

Beatty Allyson and her sister Jennifer read children's books during Story Hour in the Spangdahlem library. Story Hour is offered weekly for pre-schoolers. The program offers parents time to relax and enjoy their favorite book in the facility while providing children activities familiarizing them with the library. Activities include reading, games and coloring. It's available 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bitburg Library and 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Spangdahlem Library. Call 453-7056 for Bitburg location information or 452-6203 for the Spangdahlem location.

Rescue Eagle 2000 more than exercise

Humanitarian mission offers vaccinations, medical exams to Romanian orphans, elderly

By Air Force Staff Sgt. Rich Romero
MEDCEUR Public Affairs

BABADAG TRAINING RANGE, Romania - Nearly 320 children and elderly adults received vaccinations and physical examinations Saturday and Sunday by members of the 52nd Air Expeditionary Group during humanitarian civic assistance missions to two Romanian villages during Medical Central and Eastern Europe 00-2 exercise.

A 28-member team traveled by five-ton truck about 20 kilometers over rutted, dirt roads to an orphanage and hospital in Babadag village. They immunized 223 people against Hepatitis B, another 42 against Hemophilus Influenza B, and performed 42 physical and 14 dental exams.

"Overall, the orphans were in pretty good health; well nourished," said Maj. (Dr.) Irfan Rahim, Expeditionary Medical Support system pediatrician and native of Fresno, Calif. "We did see a lot of diaper rash, some burns, scabies, facial warts, pink eye and mild cerebral palsy. The big thing was diaper rash and irritation from sitting in wet diapers."

The orphanage houses 130 children, ages newborn to 15. Most are between newborn and 2 years old. The Romanian child social services-run facility receives funding from the state as well as private organizations such as God's Children International out of Council Bluffs, Iowa, said Ioana (pronounced Yewana) Toma,

Babadag program coordinator for GCI Little Lambs Maternal Center, which is co-located with the orphanage.

For many of those involved, it was an eye-opening, eye-watering experience.

"We couldn't treat any of the children who needed dental care (because of time and equipment constraints)," said a teary-eyed Senior Airman Tracey Barry, EMEDS dental assistant. "More than half wouldn't even open their mouths so we could evaluate them. Those that did all needed cavities filled at a minimum."

Maj. (Dr.) Todd Poindexter, EMEDS ambulance and emergency services chief, put the feelings of helplessness felt by the team into perspective.

"We did as much as we could considering the circumstances," said the doctor from Roanoke, Va. "If nothing else, the stimulation we provided the children was worth it. I know I never did so many well-baby checks in my life. I don't feel as though we did a whole lot, but at least we did what we could."

Barry, overcome with emotions, illustrated Poindexter's assessment.

"They were so starved for attention," said Barry, a West Palm Beach, Fla., native. "One little boy just stroked my hair the entire time. He was so happy just making physical contact. He, or I, didn't want to leave."

The experience made one nurse wish she had packed less personal gear for the deployment.

"I wish I was better prepared for what to expect," said Capt. Stephanie Turner, EMEDS nurse and native of Lexington, Mo. "I

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Staff results highest in AF history

The Air Force selected 19,605 of 38,654 eligible senior airman for promotion to staff sergeant. This represents an overall 50.74 percent selection rate for the 00E5 cycle, for an all-time record.

For Spangdahlem AB and its geographically separated units, the numbers were even more impressive with 475 out of 843 senior airmen selected for promotion, 5.64 percent more than the Air Force average.

Selected for promotion to staff sergeant are:

52nd Services Squadron

Artez Franklin, Brian Hendon, Jamie Ann Hendon, Frederic Sanon, Matthew Sturos and Anne Taylor

470th Air Base Squadron

Elizabeth Barnes, Jeremiah Bingham, Kenneth Driscoll, Christopher Gibson, Terry D. Hall Jr., Steven Smith and Michael Walker

52nd Mission Support Squadron

Kimberly Armijo, David Butler, Rebecca Chi, Christina Packer, Jacques Samedy and

Kellie Wilson

23rd Fighter Squadron

Michael Bates, Linda Bettinger, Derrick Bolden, Aaron Coll, Michael Collins, Jason Colwell, Brian Cross, Nathaniel Cruz, Roland Delossantos, Benjamin Disher, Aaron Dominick, Craig Dunn, Richard Filbert, Raina Gallardo, Jerald Goodreau, Eric Greenwalt, Jason Hess, Givonnice Jackson, Chad Jansen, Andrew Jensen, Edward C. Jett Jr., John Osborne, Brian Rock, Eric Simon, Megan Smith, Robert Sylvester, Joshua Tarro, Jamie

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Taylor, Anthony Tirres, David Wadsworth, Christopher Walton, Benjamin Weaver, Daniel Williams, Glenn Williams Jr., Timothy Williams and Shawn Withar

52nd Component Repair Squadron

Sean Beckrich, Micha Bittenbender, Robbie Britton, Shawna Bynum, Michael Calloway, Jackie Counts, Ian Davis, Edwin Fouts, Christopher Gay, Walter D. Harvey Jr., Shannan Korkmaz, Damon Lewis, Jeremy Lindner, Kenton Morin, Matthew Osterholt, Derrick Powell, Brian Remington, Steven Roper, Francisco Saldivar, Keith Sennett, Steven Smith, Tai Tran, Richard Young and Keith Zeigler

52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Charles Bailey, Eric Bailey, David Baughman, Daniel Behm, John Biery, Kerwin Bituin, James Blakely, Jason Borkhuis, Antonio Cousin, Damon Dogotch, Eric Dorfner, Arron Fee, Douglas Fultz, Charles Gardella, Allan Gilbreath, Raymond Gills, Stefan Gomez, Richard Gordon, Juan J. Guzman Jr., Marcus Guzman, Mario Harper, Seth Hartmann, John Hehn, Darek Heier, Randy Houghton, Christopher Hoyles, Brian Laro, Daniel Lee, Michael Lockard, Thomas J. Lynch IV, Samuel McClellan, Jeffery Meredith, Jon Minihan, Susan Mongeon, Michael Moore, Michael Nelson, Jason Outhier, Toby Parlet, Dean Piersall, Michael Rhodes, William Schick, Maria Schildan, John Schulke, William Simmons, Kevin Smith, Justin Snover, Matthew Spence, Donald Stichter, Joshua Story, Christopher Strickland, Stephen Stults, Michael Swanger, Kendra Tillman, Christopher Tovar, Daniel Tyson, James Watt, Brett Wiest, Daniel Williams, Sheberria Williams and Kendrick Wright

52nd Transportation Squadron

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52nd Security Forces Squadron

Lytronda Jordan, Paul Kilquist, Josalyn Knight, Kevin Lawson, Jared Moran, Brandon Tillman and Kassandra Watts

52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Joseph Akins, Bryan W. Althouse Jr., David Blake, Kenneth Boogaart, Casey Brooke, Robert Brooks, Stephen Burrows, James E. Cox Jr., Michael Davault, Tracy Driggers, Paul Estrada, John Geissbuhler, Amos Greer, Horace Griffin Jr., Kevin Hacker, Michael Hager, Aaron Hall, Paul Hastings, Christopher Hodgson, Benjamin Horton, William Janczewski, Derek Keener, John Kurtak, Peter Lagos, Robert Lamb, Manuel Lara, Shawn Leach, Jason Linta, Kyle Mason, Slade Mielitz, Lee D. Moore Jr., Michael Osborne, Bryan Pemberton, Brandi Preston, Benjaporn Reese, Noahpatrick Rios, Danny Robbins, Clayton Schoepflin, Vincent Schuyler, Lawrence Simpkins, Joni Stoughton, Jeffrey Tagle, James Vance, Gene Watson, Brian Whelan and Regina Williams

52nd Supply Squadron

Jeremy Aumiller, Matthew Brooker, Tina Chandler, Christine Christie, Jason Hayes, Felice Haynes, Amber Hunt, Kevin Kunath, Ruben Lopez, John Meyer, Keith Ransen, Bradley Rayburn, Melinda Reid, Jason Scholl, Jason Spaulding, Greer Stevenson, Kisha Washington, Amber Wilcox, Jennifer Williams and Nathan Wright

52nd Fighter Wing

Angela Bailey, Denise Johnson, Charles Knight, Kent Magilligan, Juan Murillo, Nicole Velsor, Romney Wilber and Amanda Williams

22nd Fighter Squadron

Douglas Abel, Joseph Armijo, Eyston Austin, Christopher Ball, Crystal Burton, Romeo O. Casuga Jr., Michael Cluverius, Eric Collins, Robert Cormier, Joshua Correia, Jeremy Curlin, David Desjardin, Mark Gantzer, Travis George, Chad Gygi, Tyler Hoffmann, Mark Horn, John Jacobson, Ernest Jones, Tana Kellner, Thomas Kietur, Timothy Mead, Derek Miller, Ricky Montgomery, Michael Moser, Matthew Noll, Daryl Page, Richard Plue, Richard Riker, Kenneth Rogers, Michael Stewart, Altamese Sutton, Anna Tew, James Thurber, Jeffrey Urban, Melanie Weller, David Winter and Christopher Yager

52nd Communications Squadron

Michael Alvarez, Latitia Austin, Marcus Barcala, Faniko Brown, Kimberly Cook, Juan Diaz, Shannon Hagen, Gregory Harvey, Mark Hiers, William Hilton, Libra Johnson, Aeon Jones, Jeffrey Kistler, Dana Knight, Julie Lange, Brigita Lords, Anthony Matlock, Marc Pastranaloquez, Michael Rayno, Marc Saunders, Brian Turk, Donald A. Turner II, Jamey Vangelder, Robert Varkonyi, Jack Walker, David Whetzel and Stephen Zimmerman

886th Communications Squadron

Jeremy Price

852nd Munitions Support Squadron

Isaiah Adams, Scott Devore, Drexell Fausnaugh, Steven Gamez, Michael Geer, Brian Gierczic, Ryan Gille, James Haggerty, Tekiela Ann Harper, Joe Hovis, Khamfon Inthavixay, Kevin Lawson, Leonel Luna, Vincent Manners, Charles Marascio, Gregory Neuberger, Mark Oliver, Mario Perez, Robert Rutland, Shawn Shaut, Matthew Thomas and Scott Yeager

52nd Munitions Support Squadron

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752nd Munitions Support Squadron

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52nd Operations Group

Anthony Archer and Steven Jandzinski

52nd Logistics Group

Kaira Brown, Christopher Power and Thomas Schultz

52nd Operations Support Squadron

Andrea Brown, Timothy Fischer, David Fortune, Marie Gall, William McInnish, Sean McPherson, Tammy Mercer, Clint Perrone, Michael Soucy and Kathy Washington

52nd Logistics Support Squadron

Terry E. Milnes Jr.

81st Fighter Squadron

Matthew S. Benton Jr., Raymond Caudillo, Patrick Compton, James Evans, Dennis Hukill, Gariston Kinder, William H. Koch III, Mark Pardee, Michael Rupp, Francis Sanders, Richard Scoggins, Joseph Segura, Donald Shutters, Quinton Spradley, Christopher Stocking and Eric Traylor

606th Air Control Squadron

Amanda Braddock, William Cook, Joshua Dotson, John Dulac, Gregory Fentress, Jeramie Hill, Timothy Huff, Aaron Jewitt, Michael W. Lewis II, Cameron Mann, William Mathieu, Christopher Mitchell, Shawn Montgomery, Bradley Musgrove, Christopher Pawlowski, Sean Rawles, Steven Russell, Irene Sanders, Charles Sherer, Ronald F. Smith Jr, Jeremy Stover, Thomas Sullivan, Deric Sutton, Tiffany Tergesen, Lonnie Vandevander and Corbitt E. White II

52nd Medical Operations Squadron

Danielle Alexander, Pascha Avery, Cassandra Chaney, Jeannie Cortez, Juan Cortez, Sonja Fonseca, Aurora Nestler, Rachel Olson, Michelle Ray, Marlou Whitehead, Maurice Wilson, Rachel Ellis, Jason Evans, Nicole Melius, Cody Nelson, Naomi Nichols, Gretchen Pingel, Paula Vara and Thomas Ward

52nd Medical Support Squadron

Shawn Gallagher, Tressa Gillett, Jennifer Johnson, Lavonne Warren, Jason Herman, Tanya Owen, Tamu Rios and Veeta Rose

52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Heather Carr and Keisa Jackson

52nd Dental Squadron

Carla Green, Nana Saahene and Rebecca McCall

52nd Comptroller Squadron

Edward R. Butler Jr., Martin Dahlke, Nathan Gurwell, Danielle Johnson, Russell Thee and Amanda Snyder

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■Ensure the leave form has the member's and supervisor's signatures. Leave numbers won't be issued without appropriate signatures.

■Leave authorizations numbers aren't given over the phone.

■Leave numbers can't be given after the

member has taken leave. Any days authorized by supervisor without an approved leave form are considered a pass. Leave numbers can only be given out for the current and future dates.

■Don't use correction tape or fluid on the form. Draw one line through the mistake and initial.

■Upon return from leave, bring AF Form

988 PART III to the orderly room within three duty days after your last day of chargeable leave, with the appropriate signatures. Don't send PART IIIs through base distribution.

■Ensure PART III is left with the immediate supervisor before going on leave.

■Leave forms can't be processed earlier than 14 days before first day of chargeable

leave.

■Leave authorization numbers are given no later than 24 hours after leave forms are turned in. Two duty days for processing is preferred. Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis.

Call Airman 1st Class April Dunham or Staff Sgt. Karen Lewis at 452-6123 for more information regarding leave forms.

Airman 1st Class Mario Ochoa

Main gate construction

Base employees may want to leave for work a few minutes earlier in August. The project to renovate the Spangdahlem Main Gate is scheduled to begin Aug. 5 and continues through early November. Main gate inbound lanes will be closed. All entry to the base will be through the Old Main Gate. All exiting traffic will use the current exit lanes at the Main Gate. Two inbound lanes at the Old Main Gate will be open 6-8 a.m. Monday through Friday to expedite the flow of traffic onto the base. While the two inbound lanes are open, the left lane will be for left turns only, so plan ahead, ensuring you're in the left lane if you want to go left or the right lane if you

want to go right or straight upon entering the base. Incoming traffic from the Picklessem, Spangdahlem and Oberkail direction will travel to the roundabout to enter the Old Main gate. The Binsfeld Gate maintains its current operating hours, which are 6-8 a.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Traffic pattern changes should be expected as stages of the project are completed. Expect delays, be flexible and plan ahead. The main gate construction project includes the installation of a single-person guardhouse with a retaining wall and a widened exit lane. The project is designed to improve base force protection.

New childcare program offers parents flexibility

By Julie Speegle
52nd Services Squadron Marketing

Military parents with hectic schedules now have a new option when it comes to childcare. It's called the Extended Duty Childcare Program, and it's currently being tested here.

The pilot program is the result of an Air Force-wide Needs Assessment Survey. The results of the survey indicated that extra childcare is needed beyond the fifty-hour duty week. Spangdahlem is the only base in U.S. Air Forces in Europe command chosen to test the pilot program.

"Needs differ from base to base. Because Spangdahlem has a high-ops tempo it is the perfect testing ground for this type of program," said Family Childcare Coordinator, Connie Wilson. "It's especially tailored for dual-military couples or single parents, and those who need flexible schedules, like hospital or security forces personnel."

The Extended Duty Childcare Program allows parents who must work extra hours a designated Family Childcare Provider who can care for their child whatever the hour,

even on the weekend or overnights. The provider is also authorized to transport the child to and from the Child Development Center, or to extracurricular activities. However, program implementers want to stress this service is only available when the parents are at work.

"This isn't a babysitting service," added Wilson. "It's for mission-related duty only. In other words, the parents can't use the provider for childcare while they go out to dinner."

The program is open to children age six weeks to 12 years. It's financed by leftover Bosnia funds, and is therefore low-cost for parents who enroll their children in the program. The fee is pro-rated based on the weekly fee, but not to exceed two dollars per hour, for children already enrolled in the CDC or School Age programs. Parents must register and be accepted into the program before their child can receive care.

If the program is successful, it is expected to go Air Force wide in September. Call Connie Wilson at 453-6022 or Tom Stevens at 452-6767 for more information or to enroll.

Scholarship offers chance at thousands for education

By Julie Speegle
52nd Services Squadron Marketing

Time is running out to apply for the Air Force Club Scholarship program. Participants must submit their application by July 31 to have a chance at \$2,000, \$3,000 or even up to \$5,000 to put towards their education.

The scholarship program is open to all ages, but the applicant must be a club member or dependent.

"A better education is the most worthy of goals," said Club Complex General Manager Moses Thompson. "This is a chance for people to get a financial boost toward achieving that goal."

Two nominees will be chosen from Spangdahlem. Their entries will go on to compete U.S. Air Force in Europe-wide, but local prizes will also be awarded. Wing services squadron and the Club Complex will give each nominee \$50, an award certificate, a free brunch certificate and a coupon package from the clubs. The Air Force Scholarships will be awarded Oct. 1. The funds are

provided by First USA Bank in Wilmington, Delaware.

How to enter

Air Force Scholarship candidates must provide an essay of 500 words or less on the topic, "Air Force Clubs-Professional Privilege." Applicants must also submit a single-page summary of their long term career life goals and previous accomplishments. The materials should be typed in 12-point Arial, Times New Roman or similar font, on standard white bond paper, with one-inch margins.

The submission must include the sponsor's name, social security number, base, club name, and the candidate's full name, mailing address and phone number. If the participant is not a club member, they must state their relationship to a member.

All entries must be submitted to Moses Thompson or Kimberly Sasher at the Saber Club. Call 452-6090 for more information.

Community Mailbox

New technology

Technology Exposition 2000 takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Saber Club. More than 35 exhibitors demonstrate the latest in computer technology.

Marksmanship competition

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron M-16 Excellence-In-Competition Match takes place 7 a.m. Saturday. The event is open to the first 140 active-duty or Reserve military members who register. Medals will be awarded to the top 10 percent achieving more than 455 points of a possible 500. Call Tech. Sgt. McElhaney at 452-6287 for details.

Chapel closed

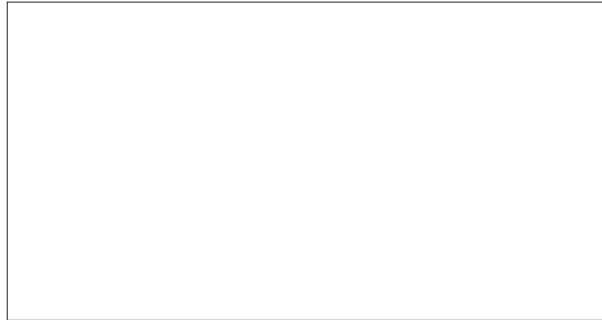
The Spangdahlem Base Chapel is closed noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday for an official function. Call the wing command post at 452-6141 for emergency contact. Call the Chapel at 452-6711 for questions.

Car wash

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordinance Disposal Flight car washes are Saturday at Bitburg High School and July 29 at Spangdahlem, building 103. Donations raised go to the 200 EOD Scholarship and Memorial Fund. Call Tech. Sgt. Mitchell Shimmel at 452-6266 for details.

Messages from Home

The Stars and Stripes AT&T Message from Home program is looking for family members or friends to send messages to troops deployed downrange. The program runs Aug. 1 through Dec. 27. Messages receive by e-mail will be printed in the Stars



Julie Speegle

Touch of Home

"Little Stars," Room 6 of the Spangdahlem Child Development Center is one of the first rooms benefitting from The Touch of Home remodeling project. The program goal is to update CDC classrooms, giving them a more home-like atmosphere for the children's comfort. Call Kathy Stutts at 06580-347 or Master Sgt. Sherry Rossi at 452-6176 for details.

and Stripes on Tuesday. Send messages to messages@mail.estripes.osd.mil. Call Mandy Smith-Nethercott at DSN 349-8357 or commercial 49-06155-601357.

Dental closed

The dental clinic is closed 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 4 for an assumption of command. Call Tech. Sgt. Glynda Lilly at 452-8192 for details.

Auto skills

Bitburg Auto Skills offers mechanic and towing services, used parts sales and more. Self-help hours are noon to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Call DSN 453-6447 or commercial 06561-616447 for more information.

Software training

The Wing Software Training Program offers training videos to people studying for their MCSE or A-plus certifications.

Monthly training schedules are located on the wing's public folders by accessing Spang/Team Eifel/Wing Software Training Program. Call 452-5384 for reservations.

Network training

FrontPage 2000 offers users training in Web page design, implementation and maintenance. The class is offered for official military use. Register for the class by accessing <http://wwwmil.usafe.af.mil/ntc>. Call DSN 480-9760 for details.

Spangdahlem Elementary

Registration for Spangdahlem Elementary students, grades kindergarten through 4th grade, is open 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Children turning age 5 by Oct. 31 are eligible for kindergarten.

The school is also accepting applications for substitute teachers. Call 452-6881 for more information.

Spangdahlem Middle School

Spangdahlem Middle School needs teaching and nursing substitutes. Call the main office at 452-7205 from 8 a.m. to noon or 1-3 p.m. for details.

School transportation

Students registered before Aug. 1 for school should receive an information package with a bus pass in the mail by Aug. 15. Registration after Aug. 1 for school bus service is held in the school bus office in building 459 on Spangdahlem.

Sponsors should bring a copy of DD Form 600, School Registration. Customer service hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call the Eifel school bus office at 452-5340 or commercial 06565-615340 for more information.

Education center news

■The Embry-Riddle AMT 280 Power Plant Theory and Applications course starts July 28.

■Active-duty members deployed on "real world" orders in direct and full support of military operations in contingency areas qualify for 100 percent Tuition Assistance for Distant Learning courses.

■Walk-in education counseling services are available 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Call or visit the center at 452-6063 for details.

Ramstein Rogues take Eifel tourney title

By Jerry Orona
Eifel Invitational Rugby Tournament coordinator

The Ramstein Rogues rugby club became the official champions of the inaugural Eifel Invitational Rugby Tournament July 15 with a hard fought 7-0 victory over the Spangdahlem/Trier Eagles rugby club.

The Eagles rugby club hosted the day long event on the base football field. The day started as predicted, mostly cloudy skies and rainshowers. By 11 a.m. however, the skies cleared and the tournament started in earnest. With only an occasional light shower, the weather was perfect for the day long event.

Players from Ramstein (4-1-1), Spangdahlem/Trier (2-2-2), Worms (1-4), Baumholder (0-5), Mainz (2-2-1), and Luxembourg (5-0) came out to participate. A contingent of dedicated U.S. Army rugby players from the Wuerzburg area made the 5 hour trip to augment the Army team from Baumholder in hopes to win.

The host team, Spangdahlem/Trier Eagles, are a combined U.S. Air Force and Trier University squad which plays out of Spangdahlem and Trier. The other USAFE/USEUAR teams represented were Ramstein, Baumholder, and Wuerzburg. Ramstein is a combined USAF/RAF squad while both Baumholder and Wuerzburg are Army squads. The teams from Worms, Mainz, and Luxembourg made the tourney a truly international event. Some of their players came from as far away as South Africa, Australia, and Argentina, while others travelled from France, England, Denmark, and Spain.

Ramstein made it to the championship match by defeating clubs from Mainz, Worms, and Baumholder. They fought to a draw against Eifel in the first match of the tourney and their only loss came against a powerful

Luxembourg squad which eventually had to bow out of the tourney due to a shortage of players.

Ramstein also had two of it's players chosen as the tournament Most Valuable Player and Most Outstanding Back. Captain Jesus Ramos earned the coveted MVP award while Dave Pamley took home the award for best back. Rounding out the rest of the awards winners were Spangdahlem's own, Adam Schnicker, Most Outstanding Forward, and Worms' 16-year old, Christian Schneider, Most Outstanding Rookie.

Fitness center staff and security forces played a huge part in making the tournament a success. The base gym staff, led by Senior Airman Leigh Olson, ensured the field was ready for use although it rained throughout week. Additionally, the staff provided the players access to the showers and

whirlpool.

Master Sgt. Bliss and Airman 1st Class Ackerman, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, ensured participants' paperwork was complete before and during the tournament. This allowed for all teams to make it to the field in time for the first kickoff.

Participants said they were amazed at how smoothly the operation went and that they're eager to return to Spangdahlem next year for another tournament. This year's tournament shows the base and USAFE that Air Force rugby is alive and well on Spangdahlem.

Wuerzburg club is considering an all military event with teams from Ramstein, Baumholder, Spangdahlem, and the Bavarian league. Call Tech. Sgt. Jerry Orona at 452-6668 or e-mail jerry.orona@spangdahlem.af.mil for details.

The Spangdahlem/Trier Eagles played the Ramstein Rogues July 15. The Rogues claimed a 7-0 victory over the Eagles. Game format was 12 man teams with 10 minute halves. Each team played each other once. The top two teams, Ramstein and Spangdahlem, played for the championship. More than 300 players and spectators attended the event. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid)

Eifel sports world

Gymnastics program update

The gymnastics program is scheduled to continue in late August or early September in building 427. The Eifel East gymnastics program is postponed for building 427 renovations.

The program was scheduled to resume after July 4, however this wasn't possible due to renovation delays. Children registered for the program's original schedule may continue with the program. Refunds of fees paid in advance are available or youth programs will credit accounts when the program continues.

Other youth program adjustments include converting the contract gymnastics instructors to paid employee positions. This change offers youth programs improved administration and funding abilities needed for program upgrades. The conversion occurs through August.

Youth Programs apologizes for any inconvenience this has caused and we look forward to restarting the program in a dedicated gymnastics facility. Call Al Freeman at 452-7545 or Barbara Holland at 453-7329 for more information.

Wrestling camp

Bitburg High School wrestling camp for boys ages 13-18 is Aug. 7-11. Tournament date is Aug. 12. Early registration ends today. Late fees apply Saturday through Aug. 6. Cost is \$100. Late fee is \$25. Tournament fee is \$10. Price includes boarding, daily breakfast and dinner and a tee shirt. E-mail baron_wrestling-(no hyphen)@yahoo.com to register. Call Ethan Lake at 0170-204-5857 or e-mail ethan.lake@spangdahlem.af.mil for details.

Extended registration

The registration deadline for youth soccer, flag football and cheerleading is extended to July 29. Registration costs vary from \$35 to \$45.

Coaches for all three sports are needed. Any level of experience welcome. Register 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Bitburg building 58 or the youth programs desk in the Spangdahlem Community Center.

Skills evaluation soccer and flag football, for children ages 9-15, is extended to Aug. 5. Call 453-6267 for details.

Club championship

Registrations are being accepted for the Eifel Mountain Golf Course Championship is Aug. 5-6. Tee times are scheduled.

Cost is \$25 per person plus greens fees. Top ten finishers go on to represent the course against the Bitburgerland Team for the best of Eifel. Call 452-6821 for details.

Crud tournament

Challenge the undefeated 23rd Fighter Squadron in a Crud tournament 7 p.m. Aug. 4 in the Spang Club. Open to officers and civilian equivalents. E-mail heidi.james@spangdahlem-(no hyphen)af.mil for squadron registration. **Aerobics classes**

Aerobics classes are offered at 11:25 a.m. Monday,

Wednesday and Friday, and at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center on Spangdahlem and Ed O'Conner Conditioning Center on Bitburg. Call 453-7710 for details.

Climbing wall

A climbing wall is available for use at Outdoor Recreation, building 146. Climbing provides a full-body workout improving aerobic fitness, flexibility, balance and upper-body strength. Call 452-7176 for details.

Ropes course

The Challenge Ropes Course is a team oriented program offering improvements on leadership, team building, problem solving and confidence building. Minimum group of eight people required. Cost is \$15 per person. Equipment provided. Call Outdoor Recreation at 4527170 for details.

Volleyball coaches needed

The Skelton Memorial Fitness Center needs coaches for men's and women's varsity volleyball. Call 452-6634 for details.

Teen fitness

Very Important Teens instructs teens ages 13-17 in fitness equipment use 4 p.m. Thursday at the Spangdahlem and Bitburg fitness centers. Call 452-6238 or 453-7329 for details.

Eifel Major Girls team head for World Series

Staff Sgt. Stephen C. Bradford
Eifel Major Girls Softball Team coach

Spangdahlem hosted the Little League European Regional Tournament July 9 bringing together the best teams from around Europe to vie for the opportunity to represent Europe in the Little League World Series.

After opening the ceremonies, the first challenge for the Eifel Major Girls Softball team was Poland.

Eifel handed Poland their first loss of the tournament with a 20-5 pounding.

After a day off, Eifel met Kaiserslautern Military Community (KMC). KMC defense was tough but Eifel came through in the end with a 4-3 victory.

Next up was Naples, Italy. Naples handed Eifel their only loss in the tournament by beating Eifel 16-8. Now with Eifel, KMC and Naples with a 2-1 record, it came down to the tie-breaker, the team with the least amount of runs scored on.

After all was tallied and done, Eifel was scored on 24 times, KMC 26 and Naples 28. This meant Eifel would meet KMC in the Championship game.

Eifel came ready to play July 14, championship day. Eifel 10-run ruled KMC 14-4 behind outstanding pitching from Ashley Corlew, and defensive plays from Jessica Awdakimow, Felicia Beck, and Ashley Thompson. Powerful batting and aggressive base running from Beck and Corlew as well as Megan Romano, Amethyst Shepard, Kristal Stapleton and Amy Valencia had KMC on their heels



Tech. Sgt. Victor Trisvan

An Eifel Major Girls Softball Team runner beats a throw to home from a Kaiserslautern Military Community team shortstop for the score July 14. Eifel beat KMC 4-3. The team goes on to play in the Little League Softball World Series Aug. 13-20.

from the 1st inning.

Other members of the team provided perfectly timed batting and backup. They are Megan Garcia, Anneka Heise, Shavonia Moore, and Tamara Pilgrim. Coaches are Stephen Bradford, Jennifer Romano and John Corlew.

The team travels to Portland, Oregon on Aug. 11 to play in the Little League Softball World Series, Aug. 13-20. First up, Team Eifel.

Eifel Boys All-stars advance to Poland

By Beverly Phillips
Eifel Boys All-star Baseball Team reporter

It took a team full of heroes to give Eifel's 11-12 year old boys baseball team the German Little League Championship for 2000 and the opportunity to advance to the European Championship in Poland.

From the first game at Ramstein July 7 to the last game on July 10, everyone played vital roles in the team's success.

The championship game against the host team was an intensely fought struggle, which saw Ramstein take a 4-2 lead into the sixth inning. But Eifel didn't quit.

Eric Hernandez hit a pinch hit single, Justin Brown and B.J. Phillips drew walks, and Matt Wood singled to score one run. While a Ramstein player debated the call at first base, Brown got the nod from Third Base Coach Scott Updike to dash home with the tying run.

With the game going into extra innings, Ramstein made a critical mistake by returning their star pitcher to the mound. Since he had been substituted for at the pitcher's spot in the sixth inning, the second switch was illegal. Head Coach Wayne Phillips protested the move and Ramstein forfeited the game to Eifel.

Eifel had also defeated Ramstein in its second game of the tournament, 4-3. Phillips had three RBIs, including a two-run homer in the top of the third inning.

Wood, the only member of the team returning from last year's 11-12 year old tournament team, pitched more than three innings. He changed speeds and put the ball where he and Pitching Coach Ron

Pasky wanted it, keeping the Ramstein batters off-balance.

With the bases loaded and only one out in the fourth inning, Wood called for help and Ben Rosen supplied it with a strike out and ground out. Rosen continued to shut down the Ramstein offense to complete the game.

Centerfielder Matt Sherier also played a key role when he fielded a hit and made a perfect throw home to hold the potential tying run at third base in the fourth inning.

Eifel had opened the tournament with a 13-0 win over Stuttgart. Phillips struck out 15 and walked two in pitching a no-hitter. He also drove in three runs on two home runs. Second baseman Justin Brown's sterling fielding gave Eifel a game-ending double play. Mark Fowler pitched a masterful game against Vilseck in the final winner's bracket game of the tournament. He struck out 10 and limited Vilseck to four singles in Eifel's 7-3 win. Phillips hit his fourth home run of the tournament for two RBIs. Also contributing to the winning effort were Chad Bible, Ryan Brown, Travis Hardin, Colton Johnston and Rowdy Warden.

The team is raising funds for its trip to Kutno, Poland, for the European Championship Aug. 4-14. Victory there will send the team to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa., Aug. 20-26.

Romania

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would have brought toys and clothes for the children instead of comfort items for myself. It made me realize what I have and how we, as Americans, don't appreciate what we have."

As an outsider looking in, Marine Col. Joseph Lydon, exercise Rescue Eagle 00 executive officer, was awestruck.

"I haven't worked much with the Air Force in my career," he said. "It was an honor to watch them work. They're true professionals."

On Sunday, an eight-person team boarded two UH-60Q Blackhawk aeromedical evacuation helicopters for the 25-minute flight to C.A. Rosetti, just a few kilometers from the Ukraine border. The choppers from the Tennessee Army National Guard were needed to transport the medical team because the village is only accessible by boat or aircraft.

Once on the ground, about half a dozen villagers met the team and escorted them back to a small, three-room communal hospital where Dr. Elena Trifan was waiting.

Trifan, who has been practicing medicine for 22 years, is the only doctor for C.A. Rosetti and four other area villages.

"I think it's a dream, not reality," she said.

While there, 49 children, ages 6-15, and 16 elderly adults received vaccinations and physical exams. Although it's never easy for doctors to break bad news to patients, the language barrier and knowing townspeople don't have the money for necessary medical care and treatment made it even harder for the 52nd AEG crew.

"We saw lots of chronic disease that we can't do anything about tuberculosis, juvenile arthritis, diabetes, heart failure, cirrhosis and coronary artery disease," said Col. (Dr.) Chuck Mackett, commander.

"Lots of children had skin disease and scars from burns. Many also had TB, anemia and scarred ear drums from untreated infections."

Trifan lives that frustration daily. It was visible in her eyes as she showed Mackett her limited stock of medicine and nonoperational equipment.

"She has the training, she just can't do anything about the

problem because she lacks equipment and supplies," Mackett said.

Even with bad news being given to people each and every child and adult were gracious for the effort.

"They all put on their best clothes to come out for the exams and shots," said Staff Sgt. Melissa Snowden, EMEDS medical technician. "They truly appreciated what we did for them."

Maj. Deborah Beatty, EMEDS nurse, tried not to dwell on the helplessness of the situation. Instead, she focused on the smiling faces of the villagers.

Mackett also hopes everyone involved with both missions realizes the importance of what they do daily as medical providers and professionals, and particularly during humanitarian assistance.

"Professionally, they have encountered conditions they don't normally see in Germany or even the United States," he said. "More importantly, it should make them feel good; knowing what they do is important."

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Today

Gone in Sixty Seconds (PG-13)

Randall "Memphis" Raines is a car thief of legendary proportion. When the heat became too intense, he abandoned his life of crime to find a different life. When his kid brother tries to follow in his footsteps Memphis is sucked back into his old ways. Violence, sexuality and language.

Saturday

Gone in Sixty Seconds

Sunday

Snow day (PG)

Snow Day means no school, no rules and endless possibilities. Snow Day magic is a powerful thing. And with Hal's pals Bill and Lane to cheer him on, this day is destined to change his life forever. Though maybe not exactly as planned. Mild, brief peril and language.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Keeping the Faith (PG-13)

Best friends since they were children, Rabbi Jacob and Father Brian are dynamic and popular young men living and working in New York. When Anna, once their childhood friend, suddenly returns to the city, sparks fly and a love triangle ensues. Some sexuality and language.

Thursday

Love and Basketball (PG-13)

A story of friendship, rivalry and ultimately, the give and take of a one-on-one relationship, Monica and Quincy share a nearly unquenchable passion for basketball. Sexuality and language.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Titan A.E. (PG)

Earth is destroyed by an attacking race of aliens known as the Drej. Cale, a human teenager, has a map given to him by his father which will lead him to the Titan, a starship which contains the last survivors of the planet, and can lead him to a new Earth. However, the Drej are in hot pursuit, and want Cale very much dead. Action violence, sensuality and language.

Saturday

Titan A.E. (PG)

Sunday

Flintstones, viva Rock Vegas (PG)

In Bedrock, Fred ends up falling head over heels in love with Wilma, while Barney and Betty become inseparable. Together they whisk away for a romantic weekend in Rock Vegas. Innuendo and brief language.

Monday

Flintstones, viva Rock Vegas (PG)

Tuesday

Titan A.E. (PG)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 453-7541.

Berlin offers big city attraction

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Berlin is a wonderful trip for people who enjoy exploring German city life. There's something inter-esting to be found wherever you go.

To get a good first impression of Berlin, it's advisable for first-time visitors to see the city from high above. To do this, visitors can take the lift to the "Tele-Cafe" at the famous Berlin "Fernsehturm" or television tower, where, at an altitude of 207 meters, the observation globe sits high above "Alexanderplatz" and offers a panoramic view up to a distance of 40 kilometers.

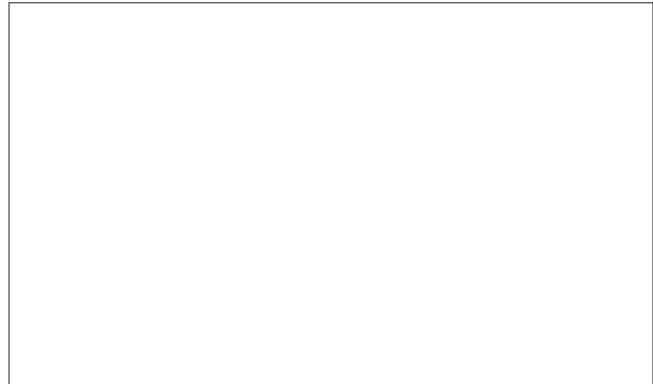
For those who would like to explore reunited Berlin and enjoy its atmosphere, start from "Alexander-platz", continuing to the "Kurfuer-stendam", the cities' most famous boulevard and entertainment square. Along this route you can find many points of interest associated through-out the world with Germanys' capital.

Day and night, there's always something going on here: shops, pubs, cafes, restaurants, movie theaters, musicians, acrobats, life-concerts, sidewalk vendors, as well as a seemingly endless stream of visitors.

Berlin is perfect for strolling. In the side streets visitors can find fascinating shops, boutiques, antique stores, galleries and more.

"Alexanderplatz" square, located in the east of the city was once a focus of traffic and public life. In the postwar years, the square's appearance has been completely transformed.

Alexanderplatz is a pedestrian zone. All around it visitors can find the former GDR built showcase buildings like the "Hotel Stadt Berlin", the famous TV tower and the 14-story former "House of Teachers" with its' 130-meter long colorful frieze depicting the life of socialist people.



Courtesy photo

The road to Kurfuerstendam, the city's most famous boulevard and entertainment square. Berlin's well known memorial church, Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedaechtniskirche, is located on Breitscheidplatz.

In the heart of Berlin lies "Unter den Linden", one of Berlins' most beautiful boulevards with a series of famous buildings and monuments.

The street was laid out by the Great Prince Elector and connected the Berlin City Palace with the "Tiergarten" former game preserve and hunting grounds, which at the time layed outside the city walls. Today "Tiergarten" is the largest and most beautiful green area within the inner city.

On Nov. 9, 1989, Berlins' famous Brandenburg Gate (modeled and built by C.F. Langhans between 1788 and 1791), a symbol of the division of Germany since World War II, became a symbol of unity again. Until the end of the monarchy in 1918, passage through the middle archway of the city gate was reserved for the nobility only.

The magnificent Soviet Embassy building stretches along the right side of the street. In its' garden a stone Lenin can be found under the "Linden" trees. A few

meters further lies the intersection of "Friedrich-strasse" and "Unter den Linden", which used to be one of the most famous meeting places in the world.

Rathaus Schoeneberg on John-F.-Kennedy-Platz or Schoeneberg district's city hall, built 1911-1914, became the political center of West Berlin after 1948. In 1963 U.S. President John F. Kennedy held his famous speech from the Rathaus balcony, which ended with the often-quoted words: "Ich bin ein Berliner" or "I am a Berliner".

In Berlin, Germany is growing together - not because the city functions as the country's capital, but because nowhere else does the "rich" West collide as closely with the "poor" east. This of course creates a tense, but very unique and fascinating situation. Berlin is worth a trip! new

The Community Activities Center offers bus trips to Berlin. Call 452-6207 or 6567 for dates and details.

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■The Herforst music association invites people from Spangdahlem Air Base to a music festival July 29-31. A special German-American night takes place July 30 with the 35-member Advocate Brass Band from Danville, Ken., as the guest band. Following the concert in Herforst, the band plays in Heidelberg and various towns in Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands during a 12-day European concert tour. It's the first international tour the band has taken.

■Observe the 49th International ADAC motorcycle races Saturday and Sunday at 'Auf dem Heissen Stein.' in Reil, located on the Mosel.

■Learn about the history of the Titanic at the Bitburg Beda Haus cultural center through Aug. 5. The

display is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Cost is 9 DM for adults and 7 DM for children. More information about this mobile exhibition is available at www.titanic-online.de.

■Pruem Summer is an event that offers music, dancing performances, food and a variety of entertainment now through Aug. 17 in Pruem.

■Look into the future at the world exposition in Hanover — EXPO 2000 — through October 31. More information will appear in a future issue of the Eifel Times.

■Enjoy watching German sailing championship flights Sunday through Aug. 5 at 'Auf der Binz' in Dahlem, located in the Pruem area. To get details such as times for the flights, go to

www.binz-cd2000.de.

■Visit a flea market Sunday inside and outside the Bitburg Flugplatz festival hall; inside and outside the Machern Cloister, located near the Mosel town of Zeltingen-Rachtig; along the Zeltingen Mosel shore; at the Pruem Fischmarkt; at the Baumholder festival; in front of the Konz Rathaus or city hall; in Losheim, located on the Belgium border; at the Ramstein Autokino or and at the Kaiserslautern 'Am Messeplatz,' at hall A.

■A classical open-air jazz concert by the 3-piece Baroque and Blues band is Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Trier Brunnenhof. Entry is DM 6.

■The Salmtal Aetzboden Festival is July 29-30, featuring rock music for all

ages, performed by various local bands. For tickets, call the Trierischer Volksfreund newspaper office at 0651-7199-0 and ask for the TV Ticket Service office.

■Enjoy the Nature One 2000 open-air-concert July 28-29 featuring more than 150 bands to include Phats & Small, Mark Spoon, Westbam and more. The event takes place in Kastellaun, located in the Hunsrueck area. Tickets can be obtained from local Bundespost offices including the base's branch office, located inside the main post office.

■Tina Turner will be in concert July 28 at the Cologne Muengersdorf Stadium. Call 0651-970550 for tickets.